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Erin Fegans wins Class A cross country championship

GEORGIA SUPREME COURT

Green's murder conviction overturned



Dewey Green

DA says he's prepared to retry case

BY RON DANIEL
EDITOR

The Georgia Supreme Court has overturned the conviction of an Alabama man accused of running over and killing a woman

with his truck on Highway 5 in Douglasville in 2014.

The state's highest court ruled in a unanimous decision Thursday that the trial court erred in excluding a key witness whose

testimony may have affected the jury's guilty verdict against Dewey Calhoun Green of Birmingham.

Green was convicted of malice murder and felony murder in the death of 53-year-old Janice Pitts of Douglasville and three counts of aggravated assault against Pitts,

her daughter Iesha Davis and 4-year-old grandson Kemani Price. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole after the August 2015 trial.

The high court's ruling in overturning the conviction centered

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Collins to serve in committee leadership position

BY KEN DENNEY
THE TIMES-GEORGIAN

State Rep. J. Collins has been appointed vice chairman of the House Regulated Industries Committee, the second such assignment he holds in the General Assembly.



J. Collins

Collins said that House Speaker David Ralston had called him on Wednesday to ask him to accept the assignment on the panel.

Collins, R-Villa Rica, represents House District 68, which covers the east part of Carroll County, including Villa Rica and Fairfield, and the southwest portion of Douglas County.

A number of industries in the state require professional licenses or regulation. The House committee governs the way these companies and professionals conduct business and oversees licensing or certification. The industries include accounting, construction, cosmetology and funeral services.

Collins is a funeral director and owns J. Collins Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Villa Rica.

"I consider it a real honor to serve as vice chairman of

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Brighten Academy dominates field at this year's Georgia Gravity Games



Roy Garren of Brighten Academy coaches one of the school's drivers at Saturday's 6th annual Georgia Gravity Games in downtown Douglasville. Brighten outshined the competition at the gravity-only car race, winning first place in three of the five categories and second place in two others.



Yeager Middle School team members get their car ready Saturday. Yeager won the Stock Class (200-pound limit) category at the Georgia Gravity Games.

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Special

Charter school racks up five trophies; DCHS, and Yeager also notch wins

FROM STAFF REPORTS

More than 65 student-led teams from schools across the state competed Saturday in the 6th annual Georgia Gravity Games, a gravity-only car race competition sponsored by Google, Georgia Tech and the City of Douglasville.

This year's field of students was the largest ever to participate in the Gravity Games. The crowded field featured teams from a variety of Georgia school districts, including schools from Atlanta Public Schools, DeKalb County, Douglas County, Gwinnett County, Athens-Clarke County and Oconee County.

Teams from Douglas County won all five categories.

Brighten Academy, a Douglasville public charter school, outshined the competition, winning first place in three of the five categories and second place in two others. Yeager Middle School won first place in the stock class (200-pound weight limit), and Douglas County High School took home first place in the autonomous (self-driving) class.

Gravity Games provides students an experiential learning opportunity involving STEM subjects. They

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Members of the Mason Creek Middle School History Club pose with classroom relics and DVDs. In addition to bringing history alive, the club has also participated in Bert's Big Adventure, sending letters and DVDs to troops overseas. Pictured, from left, are Yari Pettis, Sofia Caceres, Preston Agan, Kennedy Elder, Ellery Hall and Johny Herrera.

Students at Mason Creek engaged in history club

Garner plans field trips to parallel class curriculum

BY KRYSTAL HORNE
STAFF WRITER

If you ask John Garner at Mason Creek Middle School what the best part about the history club is, he will tell you that it's watching the excitement his students have engaging in history. Garner, one of the co-founders of the club, said that while two previous trips were weather challenged — one that was

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For more information on the Mason Creek Middle School Veterans Day program, contact John Garner at John.Garner@dcssga.org.

quite warm and one with much rain — he noted that they accepted it and many students still wanted to charge a hill as soldiers did in the Civil War.

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